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SUBJECT: BRITISH PRESS ON GENEVA TALKS, DECEMBER 7

1. BRITISH PRESS NOTES TODAY THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER
WILL MEET THIS WEEK WITH BRITISH MINISTERS TO DISCUSS
'THE KEY QUESTION' OF BRITAIN'S ROLE IN A RHODESIAN
SETTLEMENT.

2. FINANCIAL TIMES AFRICA CORRESPONDENT BRIDGET BLOOM:
"...KISSINGER...IS TO HAVE TALKS IN LONDON THIS WEEK
WITH...CALLAGHAN...AND...CROSLAND ON THE KEY QUESTION OF
BRITAIN'S ROLE IN A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT. THE MEETING...
WILL BE THE CULMINATION OF A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS
PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED TO DEFINE THE PRECISE ROLE BRITAIN
SHOULD PLAY IN THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA AND IN A
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE COUNTRY.... BRITAIN'S
ROLE IS SEEN AS INCREASINGLY CRUCIAL IF THE CONFERENCE IS
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TO HAVE ANY CHANCE OF ACHIEVING ITS AIMS."

3. TIMES DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT: "THE BRITISH AIM IS TO GIVE...COMING DISCUSSIONS (IN GENEVA) A FULL CHANCE TO DEVELOP. IF A SPIRIT OF PRACTICAL COOPERATION EMERGES, NOTABLY BY THE WHITE (SIC) TAKING A MORE FLEXIBLE POSITION ON THE KISSINGER PLAN, AND THE BLACK DELEGATIONS RESOLVING THEIR OWN DIFFERENCES, AN AGREEMENT MAY YET BE REACHED."

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